

Board Candidate Statements Officers

Michele Mazzola (running for President): I would like to build upon the successes of the past year. If elected as President, I will continue to give my all to make sure GCOM remains a club that people want to be members of.

Michele Hymowitz (running for Vice-President): My name is Michelle Hymowitz, and I have truly enjoyed being an officer on the GCOM board over the past 6 years. I believe that I am extremely dedicated to the gaming hobby and I am interested in the further expansion and development of GCOM including the creation of additional GCOM-run events as well as an increase in the number of GCOM gaming locations. I am willing and ready to continue to serve on the GCOM board as an officer and support the gaming hobby. One of my strongest traits is my ability to remain diplomatic in tough situations, which I know has helped GCOM immensely in many situations we've had to deal with over the last 2 years and earlier. I am also a good communicator and [as per my duty as GCOM Host Liaison] I try to make myself available whenever there are any host concerns or questions as well as to keep abreast of any situations that arise which need to be addressed by the GCOM board. Since I am the host of an individual GCOM location [Elkridge], I also bring to the table the perspective of the hosts which can be an important view to consider. If re-elected, I pledge to work with my co-officers in a positive and efficient manner to keep GCOM events running smoothly + to keep the GCOM organization growing and thriving.

Roland deVasher (running for Treasurer): I am the current GCOM Treasurer and thus knowledgeable about the day to day financial operations of the organization. Based upon a new budgeting process the board believes we will continue to meet operational needs without substantial pricing increases. I will continue to work as a board member to advance future goals of the organization and contribute my experience in an effort to maintain the stable financial position of GCOM.

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Directors-at-Large

John Weber (running for Director-at-Large): I have been honored to serve this organization as an elected Director-at-Large for the past four years, and I am seeking a third term in that position. I have been pleased with the growth and scope of the club's activities during that time period. In particular, I have been impressed with the terrific job done by the three new officers (Michele, Michelle and Roland) over the past two years; I feel our club is now on a positive path and on a solid financial footing under this new leadership. At the same time, I am sensitive to the need to attract and maintain a solid base of Supporting Members; to this end, I pledge to oppose any effort to increase Supporting Member dues without a corresponding increase in benefits. I look forward to the opportunity of continuing to work with the club's officers and other Directors as we stand poised to face new challenges over the next two years.

Rodney Bacigalupo (running for Director-at-Large): I am running for the director-at-large position because I believe I am a valuable asset for the board and the club. I regularly attend the monthly board meetings, assist with GCOM events and club operations; and as the GCOM librarian, store and transport GCOM's library to all GCOM events.

Brian Stallings (running for Director-at-Large): My name is Brian Stallings. I have been involved with GCOM for around 10-11 years at first just attending game nights and later taking a more active interest in the club. You may have seen me at GameDays or EuroQuest possibly behind the desk, GMing a tourney, or demoing a new game. Recently I have been in charge of the WildCard event at EQ and this year I created the schedule with lots of help from John Weber. This was my first stint on the board and look forward to another two years. I appreciate your vote.